

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **EMO**  
County : **LAOIS**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	37
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>208</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Judging by the answers to the questionnaire, Emo's effort in the Tidy Towns Competition seems to be fairly self-sufficient. While a co-operative arrangement with other bodies may be less important for Emo because of the involvement of the OPW in works related to Emo Park, it should still be explored. On your map for next year please mark all the new projects, including planting initiated or completed during the previous twelve months.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The splendid cultivated grounds and woodlands of Emo Park contribute substantially under this heading.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The lawns of the picnic area on the Dublin road were beautifully trimmed and the furniture well maintained. Recent tree-planting was very favourably noted. (There can never be enough tree-planting - anywhere!) Where young trees die, they should be replaced.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church was beautifully maintained. The school was neat. The sports pavilion was well painted. (Though Coolbanagher Church is outside the area of the Emo Tidy Towns entry, passing mention is made here because of its remarkable restoration and its impact on visitor interest in the neighbourhood.)

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter was conspicuous for its absence on adjudication day: congratulations.

### **TIDINESS**

Kerbside weed was also absent. There are somewhat unsightly corrugated iron sheds off the Killimy road - all they need is repainting. Some fluttering substance seemed to have been caught in the wire mesh at the sports field - of no great significance.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private homes in the village are well kept. A cottage with a wonderful country garden was particularly admired just outside the 30 MPH limit on the Dublin road. Another charming cottage with latticed windows appears to be derelict and is in need of restoration. The handsome corner house near the post office will obviously look well when renovation of its frontage has been completed. Some of the houses on the left of the Killimy Road need freshening up with paint.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Surfaces and paving are generally good. The approach roads from Dublin and Portarlinton were very trim on adjudication day. At some places there is little demarcation between trim lawn and weedy roadside; this matter needs attention; for example, the verge opposite the school has been eroded by car-parking: the solution is simply to widen the paved area here to allow for cars, rather than to leave it as indeterminate.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A remarkably spruce village, with only a few problematic areas.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (14/08/96)

This small village benefits greatly due to its integration with the adjacent Emo Park and the village has developed gradually over the years. However, in order to maintain the character of this small village, it is essential that any future developments are closely monitored, and only local materials should be used particularly in buildings. Also the design of such buildings should be carefully examined. There was no litter present and the overall level of tidiness was very good.